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AUTOMATED BIOPSY AND COLLECTION  
OF SOFT TISSUE

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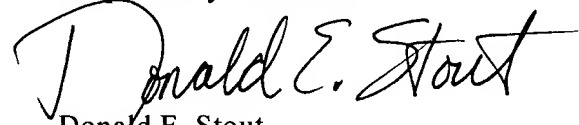
Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO form 1449. Copies of the references not previously cited in the parent application are being provided. No copies of the remaining references are being provided per 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), since all of these references were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application U.S. Serial Number 08/645,225.

Applicant respectfully requests that the cited references be listed on the face of any patent issuing from this application.

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Respectfully Submitted

  
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